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[Despatch Abstract.]

Holy Trinity Church at Bellary.

Communicating to the officers concerned letter from the Government of India, Department of Education (Ecclesiastical) sanctioning the repair at Government expense of the bell of----------

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PUBLIC **DEPARTMENT** CURRENT NO. (719)

(Ecclesiastical)

ECCLESIASTICAL 191

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No 14 to 19

Subject.

Stating that the bell belonging to Holy Trinity Church, Bellary has been stolen and requesting that it be replaced at State expense.

ENCLOSURES.
No. Three

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No. 9200 Archdeacon's Office.

Station Madras, S.W.; *Dated the* 13th of October 1919.

From (Name) The Venerable Lionel E. Cox, M.A.,

(Designation) Archdeacon of Madras.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public (Ecclesiastical) Department.

Sir,

Adverting to Rule 28 of Part V of the Government of India Ecclesiastical rules embodied in Government Order No. 38, Ecclesiastical, dated June 14. 1913, I have the honour to state that the bell of Holy Trinity Church at Bellary has been stolen. There are two Churches at Bellary, 1. the Garrison Church situated near the barracks, and 2. Holy Trinity Church situated in the Fort. Both of these Churches are maintained in repair by the Public Works Department.

2. The Reverend S. O. Piers, Chaplain of Bellary on his return from privilege leave reported to me on July 29th last that the bell of the Fort Church had been stolen during his absence from the station. His attention was

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was called to rule 28 of Part V of the Government of India Ecclesiastical rules and was requested to submit a report of the Board of Enquiry.

3. A Court was assembled at Bellary under the Officer Commanding the station and a copy of the Proceedings is attached hereto together with copies of the correspondence which passed between Mr. Piers and myself. PP 4-3 2F P 3 2 V

4. In view of the opinion of the Court of Enquiry that the bell was stolen by some person or persons unknown and that no blame lies with anyone connected with the Church, I have further the honour to request that Government may be pleased to sanction the replacing of the bell at the public expense.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Archdeacon of Madras.

Copy of letter from the Reverend S. O. Piers, Chaplain of Bell No.101, dated Bellary, the 29th July 1919.

About 2 months ago when I was on leave, the Bell of the Fort Church was stolen.
It was reported at once to the Superintendent of Police but no trace o it has been found.
Am writing therefore to ask if you would be good enough to apply to the Chief Secretary to Government for the supply of a new bell.
I see by the records that this was the procedure when the last bell was procured.

Copy of letter from the Archdeacon of Madras, to the Reverend the Chaplain of Bellary No.190, dated the 31st of July 1919.

With reference to your letter No.101 dated the 29th instant, please refer to rule 28 of Part V of the Government of India Ecclesiastical rules. A full report of all the circumstances of the case should be submitted to me and the report should be signed by each member of the board of enquiry.

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Gratis.

N.B.—The Form being applicable to any Board of Officers or Committee, or Court of Inquiry, this blank to be filled in accordingly.

The signature of each Officer composing the Board, etc., should be attached at the end of the proceedings.

PROCEEDINGS of a^{d} Court of Enquiry.

assembled at The Holy Trinity Church, Bellary.

on the 15th day of September 1919.

by order of Lieut-Colonel R.F.BIDWELL.I.A., Commdg Bellary.

for the purpose of enquiring and reporting on the loss of one Church bell, the property of the Government.

PRESIDENT:

Captain T.S.Conner, 2/73rd Malabar Infantry.

MEMBERS:

2/Lieut M. G. Goodhind, 8th Reserve Batt: (India).

Subadar Mardhava Minon. 2/73rd Malabar Infantry.

The Court. having assembled pursuant to order, proceed to

1st Witness. examine Mr. G.W.Egan who having been duly warned, states:-

On the 1st June 1919 on my arrival here to take services it was reported to me by Mr.F. Bradbury the Church clerk that the bell had been stolen from the Belfry during the previous week. I verified this fact and reported the matter to the Police. The last time I saw the bell, was on the 25th May 1919. The Belfry is some distance away from the Church, situated on the Ramparts of the Fort. The Bell is not kept under lock and key. There is a Watchman guarding Church properties during the day but not at night. On or about the date that the bell was stolen, there were many cases of reported theft at various bungalows.

sd/ G. W. Egan,

15-9-19.

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2nd Witness. Mr. Frank Bradbury, being duly warned ,states:-
On the 1st June, I came to Church as usual at 5-30.p.m. I ordered the sweeper Narayian Swamy to ring the bell I saw him going towards the belfry, and from there he shouted out to me that the bell was missing. I brought this to the notice of Mr.Egan. the Lay Trustee, and we both went up to the Ramparts and found the bell missing. It was immediately reported to the Police.I last saw the bell on Tuesday, May 27th 1919.

sd/Frank Bradbury,

15-9-19.

3rd. Witness. Narayian Swamy, sweeper, being duly warned, states:-
About four months ago, on a Sunday, Mr. Bradbury ordered me to go and ring the Church bell at about 5-45. p.m. I took the tongue of the bell with me and went to strike the bell and on my arrival, I saw the bell was missing. I then shouted out the bell was missing, both Mr Egan & Mr Bradbury came over, and saw my statement was correct. The last time I saw the bell was on the previous Sunday.

sd/ in vernacular.

The result of the Police enquiry is attached to the original proceedings.

Taken down by me on the 15th day of September 1919.

sd/ T. S. Conner. Captain,
President, Court of Enquiry.

The Court is of the opinion that the bell was stolen by some person or persons unknown. The blame does not lie with any-body directly concerned with the Church. The loss to be replaced at Government expense.

sd/ T. S. Conner, PRESIDENT.
Captain,

sd/.M.G.Goodhind,
2/Lieut,
MEMBERS.

sd/ [redacted] Mardhava Minon.
Subadar.

(Certified true copy.)

Lieut,
Offg: STATION STAFF OFFICER.

Bellary.
8th October 1919.

RV
14/11

Further action
~~to be taken~~

Pub (Eccl) Dept.

Letter Ref No. 710-1 dt 13/11/09

To

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The Secretary to the Govt. of India
Dept. of Education (Eccl)
(With Copy of pp 4-6 C F)

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Sir,

RH
14/11/09

In accordance with Rule 28 of part V of the Govt of India Eccl Rules, I am directed to address the Govt of India on the subject of the replacement at Govt expense of the bell of ~~the~~ Holy Trinity Church at Bellary, which was recently stolen ~~from the~~ Church

On page 16 of Gen No. 38 Eccl dt 14-6-13

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2. The bell was stolen ~~bell was Stolen~~ during the absence of the Chaplain of Bellary from ~~the~~ Station on leave & no trace of it has been found though ~~from leave~~ the theft was duly reported to the Police ~~but no trace of it has been found~~ A Court of enquiry ~~was~~ assembled ~~at Bellary~~

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the orders of
under the officer Commanding
The Station ~~the Court~~ has
held that the loss of the bell
Cannot be attached to any
body Connected with the Church.
A Copy of the Court proceedings
is enclosed

3. The Holy Trinity Church
at Bellary is a Govt: Church
and is maintained by the Public Works Deptt.
It contains
~~It is a first Class Church~~
having 500 seats.

4. In view of the circumstances
of the Court of Enquiry that
the bell was stolen by some
person or persons unknown
and that no blame lies with
anyone Connected with the
Church I am directed to
request the sanction of the
Govt of India to the
replacement of the bell
at State expense.

PRM.
29.10.19

28/10/19

Sent to Govt of India 1914 - 6 Sept

See page 5 of Geo. 5 of book of 10-9-08

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Pub (Ecel) Deptt

Dm No. 710-3 Dt 20/11/19

With reference to his
letter No. 9200 Dt. the 13th October
1919, the Venble the Archdeacon
is informed that an applic-
ation has been made to the
Govt of India for the replace-
ment at Govt expense of
the bell recently stolen from
~~the~~ Holy Trinity Church at Bellary

2. The Govt observe that
the lost bell was not hung
in a safe place and
therefore Consider that, if a
new bell is supplied, it
should be hung where it
Cannot easily be reached. The
Venble the Archdeacon is requested
to state where the bell
should be placed to be in
a safer position

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To
The Venble the Archdeacon
(Dm).

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Cir 21/11/19

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PRM 14-11-19

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Pub Dept
(Eccl)

Memo No 961-1 & 6-1-- (9

The Venble the Archdeacon
is requested to state when
his reply to Our No 710-3
Pub (Eccl) of 20-11-19
regarding the suspension of
the bell to be supplied to
Holy Trinity Church at
Bellary will be submitted
to Govt

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To,
The Venble the Archdeacon.
(Memo)

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PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.
(Ecclesiastical)

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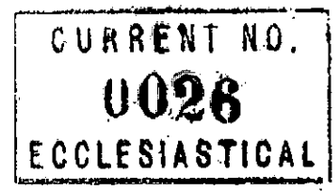

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ENCLOSURES.
No. Nil.
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No. 9219, Archdeacon's Office,

Station Madras, S.W., *Dated the* 8th of January 19120.

From (Name) The Venerable Lionel E. Cox, M.A.,

(Designation) Archdeacon of Madras.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public (Ecclesiastical) Department.

Sir,

Pl acknr

With reference to Memorandum No.961-1, Public (Ecclesiastical) Department, dated the 6th instant, I have the honour to state that I have today sent an urgent reminder to the Chaplain of Holy Trinity Church, Bellary.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

L. E. Cox

Archdeacon of Madras.

C.F.—29.

UNDER SECRETARY 20 JAN 1920 CHIEF SECY

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.
(Ecclesiastical)

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CURRENT NO. 5 ECCLESIASTICAL

Subject. Rgnd. 20-1-20.

Stating that the bell for the Church at Bellary can be placed on the roof of the Church directly over the Vestry.

ENCLOSURES.
No. Nil.
Spare copies

No. 9224, Archdeacon's Office,

Station Madras, S.W., *Dated the* 19th of January 1920.

From (Name) The Venerable Lionel E. Cox. M.A..

(Designation) Archdeacon of Madras.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Public (Ecclesiastical) Department.

Sir,

With reference to Memorandum No.710-3, Public (Ecclesiastical) Department dated the 20th of November 1919. I have the honour to state that the Executive Engineer. Bellary Division has inspected the Church with the Chaplain and states that the bell can be placed on the roof of the Church directly over the Vestry from which it can be rung by a rope leading to the roof.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

Lionel E. Cox

Archdeacon of Madras.

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(Eccl) Pub (~~Ecc~~) Deptt.

Subject: Theft of the bell of the Holy Trinity Church at Bellary.

Ct. No. 710] From the Veible the Archdeacon of Meadras, No. 9200 dy 13 — 10 — 1913

Please see rule 28 of the Govt. of India, Eccl: Rules on page 16 of Go. No. 38 Eccl dy 14-6-1913.

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2. In view of the opinion of the Court of enquiry that the blame for the loss of the bell cannot be attached to anybody an application may be made to India for its replacement at Govt. expense. The bell is one of the articles supplied at Govt Cost vide item K on page 14 of Go No. 38 (Eccl) dy 14-6-1913 Draft letter to the Govt of India is submitted for approval. P.W.D may see it before issue

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3. The Church contains 500 seats (Cf item 1 on p 5 of ~~Go~~ Letter of Eccl dy 10.9.1908) and should be treated as a first class Church. The establishment for 1st class churches is that given in Finance Dept Resolution No 2202 dy 15.8.16 on p 19 of Go No 38 Eccl dy 14.6.1913. From Mr Egan's evidence on p 4 Ct it will be seen that the church

...is not watched at night. Presumably there is ...no provision for this ~~made whether~~

28/10/19

It would appear that the bell was not in a very safe place. If a new one is supplied it might be well to have it hung where it cannot be reached

RSG
29/10/19

P. W D

31 OCT 1919
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Eccl 710-1
29.10.19

P.W.D

D S

The draft letter to India may be perused, and the file returned to Ecclesiastical with thanks. The demand ~~dated 11.7.19~~ that a proposal to write off the loss ~~3111/19~~ is under separate Consideration in this dept.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
C. No. 3681 ACCTS.
DATE 1-11-1919

31/10/19

Public (Eccl.)

SG
10.11.19.
Sub dept
Eccl

PWD No 3181 Accts/19-1
10-11-19

For orders whether the draft may now issue

Acct
31/10/19

proposal to write off
✓ the question of the writing

the cost of the lost bell is dealt with in the linked file

* removed & dealt with separately

Mayor —

The fact that the new bell should be erected elsewhere should not be lost sight of. To save time the Archdeacon might be asked now where the bell should be placed & be in a safe position

Draft Om is submitted for approval

PRM: 18-11-19

p 9/CP Om to the Venble the Archdeacon no 710-3 Pub (Eccl) of 20.11.19

p 10 WCP (Ce 96.1) Rmr — 6 — no 617 of 19.12.19

Please see India's letter on W Ce Orders in this case have to issue in D-wd before the file is transfered to that dept & we may obtain a reply to the Om on p 9 Ce. the Archdeacon may now be asked when his reply may be expected.

Draft subd.

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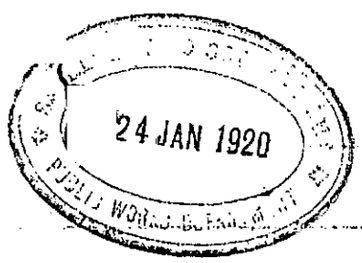
bill Cr. Letter to the Public Health Engineer no 91 dt 26.1.20

p12 Cr (Cl 26) Rem do no 9219 dt 28.1.20

p13 Cr (Cl 55) Rem do no 9224 dt 29.1.20

The file may now be transferred to the P.W.D for issue of necessary orders.



P.W.D.

D.W. —

A draft order on the case is submitted

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Minister HK 26/1/20 —

Peth. Cecl. No. 55 —

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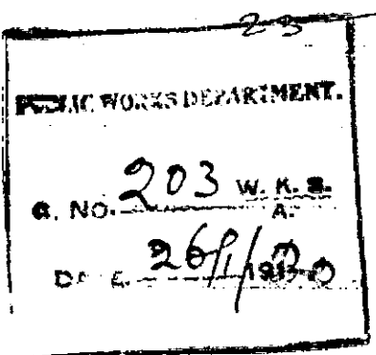

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Holy Trinity Church at Bellary 18

Sectt II—19(a).

Sanction to the Officers concerned
letter from the Govt of India, Dept of Edn
(Ecd) Sanctioning the replacement
& Cost Expence of the bell of ——

P.W. DEPARTMENT.

Churches & Cemeteries

READ AGAIN G.O. No. dated 19

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READ also:- the Venble the

C. No. From the Archdeacon of Madras, No. 9200, dated 13.10 1919.

Q " " letter to " " Govt of India Dept of Edn (Ecd) 710-1 " 13.11 1919.

" " from " " Govt of India Dept of Edn (Ecd) 617 961 " 19.12 1919.

" " from " " the Venble Archdeacon No 9224 of 19.1.20

ORDER.

No. 2009 dated 2-2- 1920

The letter from the Govt of India Dept of Education, (Ecd) No 617 961 of 19.12.19 read above is communicated to the officers concerned The attention of the S.E. III Circle is drawn to P.W. Public (Ecd) O.M. No 710-3 & 20.11.19 and the Venable the Archdeacon's last read above.

29.1.20 30.1.20

31.1.20

To The S.E. III Circle
— A.G. Madras
— Pub (Ecd) Dept

4.2.20

[S] Auditor General